British and Germans Wage Battle in Clouds on Scale

Friday above the trenches and behind the German lines in France. More duels between single machines, battles between quadrons, bombing raids and reconnaissances took place in forty-eight hours than occur usually in as many days. Exactly one hundred aircraft of Germans and Allies were brought to earth.

The British prought it on by what was nothing less than a great offensive in the air, and Sir Douglas Haig reports that the British came out best. Fifty-six of the hundred machines lost were German forty-six of them airplanes, ten balloons. The German statement says forty-four British and French weekleys were brought down but the machines were brought down, but the siritish admit the loss of only twenty-eight. The French War Office has not jet reported on its share of the fighting.

hich may have been exclusively be-reen Germans and British. Aside from the fact that their bag of German machines was greater than their loss, the British gained far more important and valuable results from their air drive. British aviators gained complete information concerning the whereabouts, strength, fortifications and all details of the new German line—opposed the Hindenburg line. They were able to regime,

#### Tons of Bombs Dropped.

The British official report to-night British aviators continually barassed the German communications. Seventeen successful bomb raids were carried out on German airdromes, municarried out on German airdromes, muni-tion depots and railways besides many other smaller raids. More than eight tens of hombs were dropped. British aviators took more than 1,700 photo-graphs behind the German lines show-ing the nature of their defences for

f these fights may be gathered from the fact that German airmen were seen o fall from their machines, out of con-rol thousands of feet in air. Of the forly-six airplanes brought down fifteen forly-six airplanes brought down fifteen were seen to crash, the technical term for a known total wreck, and thirty-one former Czar and bring him to the forethers were driven down damaged. The ethers were driven down damaged. The german statement is less explicit, simply claiming that forty-four were brought down, thirty-three in air fights. Berlin down, thirty-three in air fights. Berlin down, thirty-three in air fights. Berlin down thirty-three in air fights.

St. Quentin from the northwest. Our-ing last night they gained ground at points two or three miles from the city, and reached the outskirts of Fresnoy-le-Petit, along the La Catelet road. The French artillery bombarded the city, but the infantry did not move.

### small Gains by French.

On other parts of the new front the French made small progress, and east of Sapigneul, northwest of Rheims, re-captured some more of their lost trenches. The Germans bombarded the technes. The Germans hombarded the sty of Rheims heavily, as they usually ite after an Allied success, throwing into the city during the last twenty-four hours 7,500 shells. They killed fifteen civillans and wounded many. The French report does not say whether the Germans succeeded in hitting the cathedral again. The official statement follows:

Burnsu-"In the neighborhood of St. Quentin our troops gained ground during the night at a number of points between the villages of Selency and Jeancourt the villages of Selency and Jeancourt and reached the outskirts of Fresnoy-le-

There was considerable artillery total try on both sides to-day in the heighborhood of Arras and in the Ypres During the days and night of April

Thuring the days and night of April 5 and 6 our airplanes have been very active, continually harassing the enemy's communications a long way in the rear and seeking out his fighting machines at a considerable distance behind his lines. Large tracts of the enemy's country for many miles in the rear have been photographed, over 1,700 photographs being taken behind the enemy's lines.

"Cooperation with the artillery conthused during the daytime unhindered
event by the weather, although repeated
attempts were made by the enemy to
prevent this important work.
"Neventeen successful bomb raids
were carried out on enemy airdromes,
ammunition depots and railways a long
distance behind the lines in addition to
numerous small raids. A total of more
than eight tons of bombs was dropped.
"All the time intense fighting between
large formations took place. Our casuallies are twenty-eight machines missing,
a large number of which are known to
have been shot down in combat over the
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"It is known that the enemy suffered very heavy casualties. In one case an observer was seen to fall out of his machine, which went down, out of control, in a spin. In another case the fighting was so close that an enemy pilot was seen to fall from his machine, which was out of control and diving by the nose. Pifteen hostile machines were driven down and actually seen to crash to the ground, and thirty-one others were driven down damaged, a large proportion of which must have been totally destroyed. In addition ten hostile balloons were brought down in flames."

### French Statement.

HUNDRED AIRPLANES artillery fighting in the region of Dailon and Grugles, with no infantry fighting. Patrol encounters occurred east of the lower forest of Coucy. We made further progress north of Landricourt. In the region northeast of Solssons a German reconnolliring party was caught under our fire and dispersed.

"In the sector of Chivres, portheast

"In the sector of Chivres, northeast of Berry-au-Bac, the artillery was very active. A German attack on our posi-tions south of Ville-au-Bois was re-

Heretofore Unknown.

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Teutons Reported to Have Lost

56 Machines—Troop Movements Observed.

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hack materials. Everywhere else the hight was calm.

Ton Thursday night one of our airplane squadrons made seven sorties and dropped 440 kilograms of projectiles on enemy works at Dunvillers, Spincourt, in Mangiennes forest and in Hilly forest. London, April 7.—Fighting in the air on a scale hitherto unknown in the history of war took place Thursday and were wounded. During the night German aviators threw down several bombs in the region of Nancy, causing neither loss of life nor material damage."

# PERIL OF CIVIL WAR

lieve Some Form of Monarchy Necessary.

Landon Times PETROGRAD, April 7 .- The greatest danger that could befall Russia would be a civil war. Agitation in favor of the immediate establishment of a republic holds sway, but there are still many elements in Russia which cannot reconcile themselves to the abolition of monarchy, though all except a few dreamers are opposed to a revival of the autocratic

ascertain what troop movements are going on behind the German lines and whether, as rumored, German troops are being sent from France to hammer the legislative, partly executive powers-th provisional government, the executive committee of the Duma, the military commission and the committee of work-men's and soldiers' delegates—but with commission and the committee of workmen's and soldiers delegates—but with
the exception of the last named they
are working in cordial support of the
primarily responsible for this cruel gives such figures as stagger the im-gination Flying many miles to the German rear, almos, to the border of are working in cordial support of the

new regime.

In the ranks of the committee of dele gates signs of weakness have abounded during the last few days. A week ago the committee, pretending to fear a counter revolution, decided to arrest all the members of the executive commit-tee of the Duma and the members of the provisional government.

ing the nature of their defences for hundreds of miles.

"All the time intense fighting between large formations took place," says the British statement laconically. The nature of these fights may be gathered from the fact of the fact jensky guard. As soon as the latter heard the object of their mission they curtly replied, "You want to arrest the Duma folk? Not much." The mandatories returned crestfallen.

Anxious to restore its prestige the samits only five machines missing Berin will admit the loss of only two
halloons on a small sector on the French
The solutions of diffy at the palace
to have a glimpse of "Col. Romanoff"
as he was walking through the grounds. balloons on a small sector on the French tront, not on the British.

French aviators also made a raid on blast furnaces and various works on which 440 kilograms of bombs were deepped.

Infantty fighting and activity on the ground generally was entirely secondary to-day, though the British made a local attack which places them still nearer to attack which places them still nearer to attack which places them still nearer to attack might they gained ground at least night they gained ground at

PRAYERS FOR TROOPS. Russian Cities Display Patriotism

as They Leave. LONDON, April 7.-Scenes of fervent patriotic enthusiasm have occurred a Moscow, Samara, Rybinsk and other towns in Russia as troops left for the front, Reuter's Petrograd correspondent eports, telegraphing under Friday's

Rioting is reported in districts in the

### Van Hee Reported Sent From Brussels to Prussia.

London, April 7.—Julius Van Hee. American Vice-Consul at Ghent and re-cently connected with the Belgian Re-lief Commission, has been arrested by the Germans and sent to Germany, a cording to an Amsterdam despatch the Exchange Telegraph Company. T

the Exchange Telegraph Company. The despatch quotes a frontier correspondent as its authority.

A great deal of anxiety is felt here for the safety of the ten American members of the relief commission detained by the Germans at Brussels or left behind by Minister Whitlock and his party, which took away the bulk of the relief workers. Mr. Van Hee was one of the ten, but the commission has received to news that he has been subjected to any different form of detention than the others.

Director Prentiss Grey decided to

Director Prentiss Grey decided to re-main to care for the interest of the de-tained men, although he could have come out with the Whittock party.

Herbert C. Hoover, the head of the commission, said to-day that the Ger-mans agreed to release the men left in Belgium on April 27. He expressed great admiration for Director Grey's courage in remaining to look after the younger men, but believes that the Ger-mans will release all of them at the promised date. promised date.

Humphreys' Seventy-seven For Grip, Influenza

French night statement.—"Quite spirited artillery actions occurred to-day at various points along the front, especially between the Somme and the Oise, south of the northwest of Rheims.

"In the Argonne a surprise attack by the enemy against our trenches in the valley of the Aire was repulsed after hard fighting.

"According to late reports the Germans fired to-day and last night 7,500 shells into Rheims, fifteen civilians being killed and many wounded."

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Advises German People to Depose Emperor.

Milyukoff Says America's Aim Is One With Object for Which Allies Fight.

PETROGRAD, April 7 .-- Minister of Justice Kerensky said in an interview today that if the German people would follow the Russian example and dethrone their Emperor preliminary peace negotiations will be possible.

This statement was embodied in an anouncement by the official news HANGS OVER RUSSIA cording to news from Copenhagen, Dr. Eduard David, speaking on behalf of the majority party of the Social Democrate in the German Reichstag, declared that Foreign Minister Milyukoff and his supporters were Germanophobes and that consequently the Social Democrate Consequently the Social Democrate Consequently Co and his supporters were Germanophobes and that consequently the Social Demo-crats based their hopes on M. Kerensky (Russian Minister of Justice) and M. Teheidse a Socialist leader in the Duma: On this subject M. Kerensky made the following declaration to a

party of journalists:

From the incomplete information supplied by the press it is difficult to form a sound opinion. It all depends on knowing what are the hopes that Deputy David founds or me and M. Tcheidse.
"If he supposes we are going to assist in making a separate peace he will be rudely disappointed. If, on the other hand, he hopes the German peopie are about to follow our example and dethrone their Emperor we can do no other than warmly applaud, for that would greatly free our hands and offer he possibility of entering on preliminary negotiations.

" I am convinced that the peoples who engaged in this unexampled war

Paul N. Milyukoff, Minister of Foreign Mairs in the new Government, in an Affairs in the new Government, in an Affairs in the new Government, in an interview with press representatives to-day said: "I was always of the opinion that the United States would take part in the war on the side of the Allies.

"The definition by President Wilson of the purposes of the war," continued of the purposes of the war," continued Prof. Milyukoff, "corresponds entirely neutralization of the Dardanelles, Dr. Milyukoff, "corresponds entirely neutralization of the Dardanelles the entry of foreign warships into the Black Sea would force Russia to think personnels.

5th Avenue

"This concord between the United States and the Entente Powers in the realm of ideas constituted the best guar-antee of the imminent participation of America in the worldwide war against Germany. It is to be noted that even in formulating her aspirations toward peace Germany has always kept in view the U. S. STAND IS WELCOMED maintenance of her own supremacy, desiring to place herself at the head of pacified mankind.

Must Obtain Victory.

"The only principle which has stood as a bar between us and President Wil-son's international programme was emson's international programme was embodied in the phrase, 'Peace without victory.' The renunciation of victory on the part of the Allies would have meant the impossibility of dealing with the great problems the solution of which is recognized equally by President Wilson and the Allies as indispensable.

"While the Entente makes no pretential" The Italians will be joined to Italy. The Rumanians will be amainted with our own Ukraine. The sion to world domination, Germany has continually inelsted upon the idea that the old rights of nations no longer exist: that the races fighting against her

are in a state of complete decadence; tion of Russia; recent events have that it is Germany's task to institute a clearly shown it to be impossible to alnew order of the rights of nations—to low the Armenian people to remain reorganize Europe in accordance with under the Ottoman yoke." are in a state of complete decadence; that it is Germany's task to institute a new order of the rights of nations—to reorganize Europe in accordance with her own interests.

'In these conditions Germany has constituted a unique and serious obstacle in the way of establishing definitive frontiers and developing normal international relations. Only a victory over Germany will make it possible for President Wilson's desires to be fulfilled.

"The President expressed himself not merely with reference to the general aims but to the concrete aims of the war, namely, the liberation of nations. particularly Poland, and the assertion of the right of nations to the freedom

#### Stands for Nationalities.

"None of the Allies indulges in alm of usurpation. We all desire that the territories wrecked by force shall be restored and that frontiers shall be definitely established in accordance with nationality. In other words, the En-tente Powers will be able to consider their victory complete only when they have attained the fundamental condi-norant of the aims of Russian reaction?" transformation of the map transformation of the southeast, upon lines especially to the southeast, upon lines which will insure durable peace and eliminate every pretext for new conflicts. "We can speak of a peace without annexation, if by annexation we mean usurpation. With this important reservation, the words 'peace without annexation represent the formula suggested to the Allies by the German Social Democrats. A statemate peace, and social Democrats A statemate peace, to a peace based upon the status quo, all those formulas, mostly of German origin, injust these formulas, mostly of German origin, injust these formulas, mostly of German origin, part accord completely with the interests of the provisional Government and sworn allegiance to it, and in the domain of the conditions of the conditions of the provisional Government and sworn allegiance to it, and in the domain of the conditions of the conditions of the conditions of the provisional Government and sworn allegiance to it, and in the domain of the conditions of the conditions of the conditions of the provisional Government and sworn and their drivers and offer the ford cars and their drive tions of the President's programme—the transformation of the map of Europe.

Russian Minister of Justice

forces by providing penceful methods of solution for international disputes and the war.

worse than that which existed before the war.

"While closing the Black Sea ports to the warships of the other Powers to the warships of the warships of the other Powers to the warships of the other Powers to the warships of the other

of the Turk and raised the question to whom the straits were going to belong. Germany or Russia."

Of the Entente aims the Foreign Minister said: "Taking as its point of departure Germany's pretensions to create an unbroken range of territory belonging to herself or her allies from Berlin to Bagdad, the programme of the Entente pursues two harmonious aims in complete conformity with national aspirations, namely, the liberation of populations, namely, the liberation of populations enslaved under Ottoman dominion and the fundamental reorganization of Austria-Hungary.

"The creation of a Czech-Slav State will serve as a boundary line for Ger-

gamated with our own Ukraine natural problems of history demand the unification of Serbian territories. Ar-menia must be placed under the protec-

#### Dismissal of Bismarck.

Discussing the last speech of the Gerfriendship between Germany and Rus friendship between Germany and Russia was promoted by Bismarck, but when the German Emperor dismissed Bismarck and began his "Weltpolitik," and the German ficet began threatening to increase, the need arose for sgiting up a defence against German aggression. The German Government of its own initiative did not renew the old treaty of neutrality concluded by Bismarck "Germany herself, by her insatiable and insensate craving for superiority and supremacy, drove us into the arms of France and Great Britain. As to the friendship between the former Russian Emperor and Emperor William, whatever Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg may say, it was of a purely dynastic character. During the war Prince Eu-

#### Army Makes Protest.

#### DRIVE ON RUSSIA **UPSETS SOCIALISTS** German Branch Fears It Must Halt Peace Moves.

COPENHAGEN, VIA London, April 7. The German offensive on the Stokhod River appeared to have upset the leaders of the majority Socialists in Germany who were counting on a relaxation of German efforts on the Russian front o permit them to get in touch with Russian Socialists and to further the

peace movement. The Associated Press hears from Ber-lin of a recent conference of the leaders of the Scheidemann wing on the Russian situation, at which, according to the participants, it was stated that the German Government had given definite assurances that no offensive on the castern front would be undertaken so the Socialists could continue to try to convince their Russian colleagues Germany was not endeavoring to take adventure of the reconstitutionary movement. vantage of the revolutionary movemen to reestablish the Romanoff autocracy. This participant now speaks bitterly of the "breach of faith" which will make it difficult to convince the Russian Socialists of the good intentions of the German Socialists.

### FORD OWNERS RALLY.

Machines Ready for Rapid Fire Gun Service.

in the war on the side of the Allies.

"The definition by President Wilson of the purposes of the war," continued Prof. Milyukoff, "corresponds entirely with the declarations of the statesmen of the Allied Powers. M. Briand, Mr. Asquith and Viscount Grey all expressed themselves continually on the necessity of seeking to prevent conflicts of armed.

"In the undersigned, a citizen of the allied and in the domain of allegiance to it, and in the domain of the degrate to it, and in the domain of the domain of the serior of the suit of the sour duty to be guided by it alone and regard the orders, laws and decisions emanating from it as the cult of the cult of the cult of the automatic machine gun for the decisions emanating from it and decisions emanating from

### NAVY YARDS NEED MECHANICS. private employment in the locality of Circulars Seeking Men Distributed

Among Labor Unions. Metal mechanics of all classes are now required in large numbers in the urgently needed:
navy yards, it became known yesterMachinists, bis

each navy yard. Qualified persons are to file applications with the labor board at the navy yard or ordnance establish-ment where they wish employment. The following kinds of mechanics are most

now required in large numbers in the navy yards, it became known yester-day from circulars distributed among labor unions. Though such mechanics would be under civil service rules, they are not compelled to take a written civil tool grinders, boat builders, instrument service examination, being graded on makers and a large number of others, such as shipwrights, sheet metal workard fitness.

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